

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 10, 14, 16, 19 and 21 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants note that a minor amendment has been made to the specification in order to correct a typographical error therein. No new matter has been added. In particular, Applicants note that the phrase "MPEG (Motion Image Experts Group)" has been changed to --MPEG (Moving Picture Experts Group)-- in order to provide the proper definition for the acronym "MPEG".

I. Objection to the Claims

Claim 14 has been objected to for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Applicants have amended claim 14 as required by the Examiner so as to overcome the Examiner's objection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claim 14 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-6, 10, 14, 15, 19 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner has indicated that the claimed phrase "the control" is unclear.

By this amendment, Applicants note that claims 1, 14, 15, 19 and 21 have been amended so as to replace the phrase "the control" with the phrase --the controlling of the stored position and the accumulated data amount of the data in the buffer--, thereby addressing the Examiner's

rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 15, 19 and 21 would be allowable if amended so as to overcome the above-noted rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In this regard, as noted above, claims 1, 15, 19 and 21 have been amended so as to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1, 15, 19 and 21, and all claims that depend therefrom, are now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is kindly requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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